



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,609)

In re the Application of:

Peshkin, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FORCE SENSORS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2000, Applicants submit the following remarks. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a 3 month extension of time and the requisite fee.

REMARKS

Applicants affirm the election of Claims 1-19 and 25, 26 which are currently pending in the case. In the Office Action mailed December 12, 2000, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as omitting essential structural cooperation between the readout mechanism and the force sensor.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Couch (6,003,309). Claims 4, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Couch and further in view Gusakov (5,451,852).

With respect to the rejection under section 112, the readout mechanism is indeed connected to the force sensor through the claim language "wherein the applied forces are determined from the displacement of the first member relative to the second member." The force